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SUBJECT: COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE ON THE LOCAL ELECTORAL PROCESS IN HAITI

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Emi L. Yamauchi. Reasons: 1.4 (b and d).

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Foreign Ministry Haiti Desk Officer Jorge Schindler on April 24. Schindler agreed it was important that local elections in Haiti take place by September, and that the international community needed to identify the resources to hold elections. Schindler commented that the GOC had not initiated internal discussions about whether it could provide technical or financial assistance to support election efforts. He committed to relay the question and reftel points to senior Foreign Ministry officials.

¶2. (C) Schindler observed that Foreign Ministry Director General for External Relations Carlos Portales (the MFA's number three official) would be in Buenos Aires on Friday, April 28 for a meeting with his Argentine and Brazilian counterparts to discuss Haiti. Portales is then scheduled to travel to Port au Prince for meetings on May 4-5. Schindler closed by noting that on May 23 Brazil would host a meeting to discuss, among other issues, a "long-term development assistance strategy to the new Haitian government."

¶3. (U) Post will follow up at a higher level early next week.
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